



## Montana Immunization Program Newsletter

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#### VFC Hot Topic

The September topic is IZ Billing for Adult Immunizations. The September session will take place on September 26 at 12pm and September 28th at 12pm. Read more about the session under the VFC Corner!

#### IZ Provider Sessions

##### Upcoming Session

Mark your calendars! Susan Reeser, RN, BSN Nurse Consultant from the Montana Immunization Program will present on Influenza Vaccine Update 2017-2018 on Thursday, October 12th at 12:00pm.

##### Archived Sessions

Don't forget about the Immunization Provider sessions posted to the Montana Medical Association's website. These sessions are free of charge and offer 1.25 nursing contact hours. Learn which sessions are available and when each session will expire in the IZ Provider Webinar Section!

### 2017-2018 Influenza Season

Flu season is around the corner! The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published their guidance for the 2017-2018 influenza season on August 25, 2017. Click to read the MMWR: [Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#).

A two-page summary of 2017-2018 flu vaccine recommendations can be found here: [https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/professionals/acip/acip-2017-18\\_summary-of-recommendations.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/professionals/acip/acip-2017-18_summary-of-recommendations.pdf).

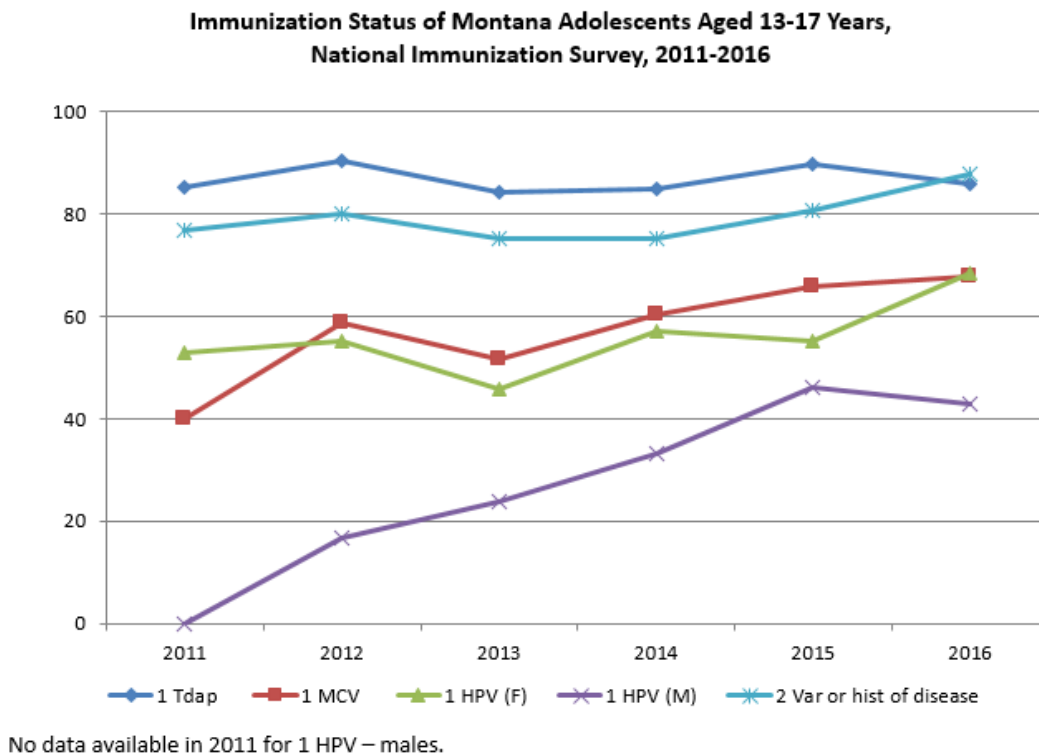
Additionally, public and private influenza vaccine is now shipping to clinics. Read about a few reminders to make sure your facility is ready to receive vaccines as they arrive in the "VFC Reminders" section.

### 2016 National Immunization Survey (NIS) Teen Results

Each year the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) conducts a national survey to determine immunization coverage rates for teens, 13-17 years of age. The recently published 2016 data indicate Montana teens are up-to-date as follows: 85.7% for >1 Tdap, 67.6% for >1 MCV4, 68.2% for >1 HPV (females), 43% for >1 HPV (males), and 87.6% for >2 Varicella or history of disease.

These coverage rates represent a two-percentage point increase for >1 MCV4, a 13 percentage point increase for >1 HPV (females), and a seven-percentage point increase for >2 Varicella or history of disease from coverage rates in 2015.

We appreciate all the vaccine you provide to teens and the work you do in catching up those who missed vaccination.



## New HPV Video from Iowa's Immunization Program

Hear Shawna, Emily, Steve, and Jon share their HPV cancer survivor stories.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwUPu4vS8OI&list=TLGGAxI6joXz5s8xMTA5MjAxNw&index=5>



**MT TeenVax Challenge: 47 days left to enter!**

Back-to-school is the perfect opportunity to promote the MT TeenVax Challenge to the parents/guardians of your 11-17 year old patients. Any 11-17 year old who has received at least one Tdap, one MCV4, and one HPV is eligible to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. For more information about the MT TeenVax Challenge and adolescent vaccines, visit [immunization.mt.gov](http://immunization.mt.gov).

**The deadline to enter is October 31, 2017!**

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## 2017-2018 School Immunization Training

The 2017-2018 School Immunization Training presentation is now posted on the Immunization Website under the School Resources tab:

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/Immunization/childcareandschoolresources>.



The training was designed to assist school personnel on preparing the Annual School Immunization Assessment Report and entering results into the School Immunization Reporting System (SIRS). Topics covered are school forms and policies, interpreting immunization records and how to enter results into SIRS.

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### VFC Corner

Monthly VFC Hot Topics Webinar

When: Every other month, last Tuesday and Thursday of the month

[Updated Hot Topics Schedule](#)

[Archived Presentations](#)

Month Hot Topic- **IZ Billing for Adult Immunizations**

Discussion:

- Immunization Schedule for Adults – Routinely recommended vs. recommended due to medical condition
- Resources for those without immunization coverage
- Billing for those less than 65 years of age
- Billing immunizations for those 65 years of age and older with Medicare Part D

**To join Tuesday, September 26th at 12pm, please use the log in information below:**

<https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=ma768027de4149f4e0dae417f29b61d78>

Meeting number: 803 971 849

Meeting password: montana

For Audio, please log in to WebEx and select Call Me.

Toll number: 408-792-6300

Access code: 803 971 849

**To join Thursday, September 28th at 12pm (repeat session), please use the log in information below:**

<https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=mbdf1141afe65b6a128be8accbc6b547b>

Meeting number: 803 740 075

Meeting password: montana

For Audio, please log in to WebEx and select Call Me.  
Toll number: 408-792-6300  
Access code: 803 740 075

## VFC Reminders

### VFC Influenza Vaccine Order Update

We have started to ship VFC influenza vaccine. At this time we have received 31% of our total number of doses ordered from CDC. If you want FluLaval MDV, please e-mail [kgrady@mt.gov](mailto:kgrady@mt.gov) because we do currently have additional doses of these to ship. Just a reminder that influenza will ship as it becomes available to use from McKesson. Once it ships you will automatically see it in your inventory and there will be NO order to receive in imMTrax. For more questions, please contact Katie Grady-Selby at [kgrady@mt.gov](mailto:kgrady@mt.gov).

### Receiving Vaccine Shipments at your Facility

Section 15 of our VFC Provider Handbook describes how to order and receive public vaccine from the Montana Immunization Program.

Below are a few reminders to make sure your facility is ready to receive vaccines when they arrive.

- Have a plan, communicate it to the appropriate people, and review it at least annually or whenever new staff come on board.
- Give everyone a heads-up the day vaccines are due to arrive. The Immunization Program sends an email to the vaccine manager the morning a public vaccine shipment is due to arrive at your clinic.
- When shipments arrive, contact the designated vaccine manager or alternate. If both are out, designate a backup person to handle the shipment.
- Place vaccine in an approved storage unit holding proper temperatures as soon as possible. Be sure to distinguish refrigerated from frozen vaccine and store appropriately.
- Follow the instructions on the packing slip when unpacking shipments. Confirm that:
  - The package is not damaged or leaking
  - The package arrived within the designated timeframe as described on the package and packing slip.
  - The temperature monitors (if present) indicate acceptable conditions while in transit
  - The vaccine quantities, diluents, lot numbers, and expiration dates match the packing list and your imMTrax order.
- Expiration dates are compared to current stock to ensure short-dated vaccines are used first

If you suspect your vaccine was compromised during shipment, contact the Immunization Program immediately at 444-5580 or [hhsiz@mt.gov](mailto:hhsiz@mt.gov).

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## Grandparents need vaccines too!

Grandparents day is a great time to remember that you play an important role in the health of your older adult patients. As people age, their immune systems weaken over time and put them at higher risk for certain diseases. Vaccination is important to help keep older adults protected from certain diseases.



Start the conversation today with your older adult patients about the recommended vaccines (listed below) for persons 65 years and older.

- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis).
- Shingles (herpes zoster)
- Influenza (the flu)
- Pneumococcal

For more information about these vaccines visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/index.html>

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## imMTrax Announcements

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL, imMTrax Merge and the Importance of Working Your Site's Queue



The merging of clients records and maintenance of an organization's merge queue is an integral part needed for the best information possible in imMTrax. Duplicate records in imMTrax may represent two or more fragments of a person's immunization history – and should be merged upon identification. Also, records sent electronically that are flagged for evaluation are not part of an imMTrax record until they are resolved. Both instances mean missing immunizations.

imMTrax merging is vital year-round, but is of additional importance during BACK-TO-SCHOOL season! We ask our merge users to do their best to keep their merge queue maintained so our school nurses and healthcare professionals can have access to the most up-to-date information possible. The Immunization Program will do our best to assist everyone by working on the "global merge queue".

We want to make sure all our Merge Role Users make merging a part of their routine. As more providers get involved in imMTrax, and as many begin moving data into imMTrax electronically, the clients needing evaluation in the "merge queue" grows. With a collaborative effort, we can keep those numbers low – meaning that records and imMTrax reflect the most current and accurate information.

To report duplicates within imMTrax, contact your local health department.

If you have any questions about merging client records or other imMTrax functions, please contact Michelle at [mfunchess@mt.gov](mailto:mfunchess@mt.gov) or 406-444-2969!

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### 2017 Immunization Provider Series

Influenza Vaccine Update 2017-2018  
Presented by Susan Reeser, RN, BSN Nurse  
Consultant for the Montana Immunization Program

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Montana Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

1.25 nursing contact hours.

Click [HERE](#) to view webinar details, including login information.

### Archived Immunization Provider Education Sessions

The following webinar sessions are available to view one year from the date of the original presentation. The sessions are available on the MMA website at no cost. Nursing contact staff can receive 1.25 nursing contact hours for each session.

1. Prevention of Influenza in High-Risk Groups: What Are the Vaccine Options and Strategies? presented by Gregory Poland, MD, from Mayo Clinic- **Available until 9/23/2017**

2. HPV Immunization: Separating the Myths from Reality presented by Erin Stevens, MD, FACOG, from Billings Clinic- **Available until 11/21/2017**

3. Applying Principles of Vaccination to Vaccine

Administration Best Practices presented by Donna Weaver, RN, MN from CDC- **Available until 02/06/2018**

4. Strategies to Communicate with Vaccine Hesitant Parents presented by JoEllen Wolicki BSN, RN from CDC- **Available until 03/28/2018**

5. Adolescent Immunizations: Give it a Shot presented by Amy Middleman, MD, MEd, MPH from University of Oklahoma Adolescent Medicine- **Available until 05/30/2018**

## Monthly Vaccine-Preventable Disease Report

**Table 1. Select Vaccine-Preventable Disease Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence- August 2017 and Year to Date**

Select Vaccine Preventable Disease Case Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence, 2017	Haemophilus influenzae, invasive	Pertussis	Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	Varicella (Chickenpox)
Jurisdiction				
BROADWATER		1		
CASCADE			1	
CSKT			1	
DAWSON	1			
FLATHEAD				1
HILL			2	
JEFFERSON			1	
LAKE				1
LINCOLN		2		
RAVALLI		16		
RICHLAND	1			
SANDERS		1		
TOOLE				1
YELLOWSTONE			2	
Total	2	20	7	3
2017 Year to date	18	72	61	32

### August 2017

A local outbreak of pertussis in Ravalli County was reported during the month of August. To date, 16 cases have been identified and most of the cases were in children (range 1–52 years). The majority of the affected community was not vaccinated. Isolated cases were also reported from Broadwater, Lincoln, and Sanders counties. To date, 72 cases of pertussis have been reported statewide.

Two Haemophilus influenzae cases were reported last month; both were adults and additional testing determined that neither were type B (untypeable). Sporadic cases of chickenpox were reported from Flathead, Lake, and Toole counties. Cases ranged from 5 months – 5 years. Eight cases of invasive Streptococcus pneumoniae were reported from five counties; all were in adults >40 years of age

Data retrieved from DPHHS. For questions contact CDEpi at 406-444-0273.

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